

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. An information reproduction device comprising:
a contents inputting section configured to receive
contents information and license information including
5 first information indicating whether the contents
information is officially copied contents information
or privately copied contents information;

a determining section configured to determine
whether the contents information is the officially
10 copied contents information or the privately copied
contents information based on the first information of
the license information; and

a reproducing section configured to reproduce the
contents information based on a result of determination
15 by said determining section.

2. The information reproduction device according
to claim 1, wherein said reproducing section can
reproduce the officially copied contents information
under a high quality digital reproduction, a low
20 quality digital reproduction, and an analog
reproduction and cannot reproduce the privately copied
contents information under the high quality digital
reproduction.

3. The information reproducing device according
to claim 1, wherein
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said first information includes verification
information for verifying the officially copied

contents information, and

said determining section determines whether the
contents information is the officially copied contents
information or the privately copied contents
5 information based on the verification information.

4. The information reproduction device according
to claim 1, wherein

said license information includes utilization
condition information including effective date
10 information and effective number of times information,
the utilization condition information for the privately
copied contents information being restricted more than
the utilization condition information for the
officially copied contents information, and

15 said reproducing section reproduces the contents
information based on the utilization condition
information.

5. The information reproduction device according
to claim 1, wherein

20 said license information is encrypted by key
information generated based on information dependent on
a recording medium in which the contents information is
recorded.

6. The information reproduction device according
25 to claim 1, wherein

said license information includes second
information indicating whether the contents information

is original contents information or not,

said determining section determines whether the contents information is the original contents information or not based on the second information of the license information; and

said reproducing section reproduces the original contents information in a same manner as the officially copied contents information.

7. An information recording device comprising:

a contents inputting section configured to receive contents information and license information including first information indicating whether the contents information is officially copied contents information or privately copied contents information;

a determining section configured to determine whether the contents information is the officially copied contents information or the privately copied contents information based on the first information of the license information;

an updating section configured to update the license information of the officially copied contents information by changing the license information to license information indicating the privately copied contents information and including information dependent on an identifier of a predetermined recording medium, and

a recording section configured to record the

contents information and the license information
updated by said updating section in the predetermined
recording medium.

8. The information recording device according to
5 claim 7, wherein

said license information includes verification
information for verifying the officially copied
contents information, and

said determining section determines whether the
10 contents information is the officially copied contents
information or the privately copied contents
information based on the verification information.

9. The information recording device according to
claim 7, wherein

15 said license information includes utilization
condition information including effective date
information and effective number of times information,
the utilization condition information for the privately
copied contents information being restricted more than
20 the utilization condition information for the
officially copied contents information.

10. An information recording device comprising:

a contents inputting section configured to receive
analog contents information which is not compressed and
25 encrypted,

a generating section configured to generate
license information indicating privately copied

contents information and encrypting the license
information by identifier information of a
predetermined recording medium, and

5 a recording section configured to record the
analog contents information and the license information
in the predetermined recording medium.

11. A method of generating license information
attached to encrypted digital contents information and
indicating whether the digital contents information is
10 officially copied contents information or privately
copied contents information, comprising:

encrypting encryption key information by
information dependent on a predetermined recording
medium; and

15 performing a digital signature processing to an
encrypted the encryption key information if the digital
contents information is the officially copied contents
information.

12. The method according to claim 11, further
20 comprising:

encrypting utilization condition information
including effective date information and effective
number of times information by the information
dependent on the predetermined recording medium.

25 13. An information reproduction method comprising:
receiving contents information and license
information including information indicating whether

the contents information is officially copied contents
information or not;

determining whether the contents information is
the officially copied contents information or not based
5 on the license information; and

reproducing the contents information based on a
result of determination by said determining, the
officially copied contents information being able to be
reproduced under a high quality digital reproduction, a
10 low quality digital reproduction, and an analog
reproduction and non-officially copied contents
information being enable to be reproduced under the
high quality digital reproduction.

14. An information copying method comprising:

15 receiving, from a first recording medium, contents
information and license information indicating whether
the contents information is officially copied contents
information, privately copied contents information, or
analog contents information and being encrypted by

20 information dependent on the first recording medium;

decrypting the license information;

determining whether the contents information is
officially copied contents information, privately
copied contents information, or analog contents
25 information;

rewriting the license information of the
officially copied contents information to license

information indicating one of the officially copied contents information, privately copied contents information, and analog contents information;

rewriting the license information of the privately
5 copied contents information to license information indicating one of the privately copied contents information and analog contents information,

rewriting the license information of the analog contents information to license information indicating
10 one of the officially copied contents information, privately copied contents information, and analog contents information;

encrypting rewritten license information by information dependent on a second recording medium; and
15 recording a copy of received contents information and corresponding license information in the second recording medium.

15. An information selling system comprising:
a server configured to store digital contents
20 information; and

a client configured to request the server of purchasing the digital contents information, wherein
said client sends a purchase request to the server, the request including an identifier of a desired
25 digital contents information and an identifier of a recording medium in which purchased digital contents information is to be recorded, and

said server generates a copy of the desired digital contents information, encrypts the copy by the identifier of the recording medium, and sends encrypted copy to the client.